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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of	)	
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Applicants: James Benjamin Williams et al.	)	Before the
	)	Board of Patent Appeals
Serial No. 10/797,889	)	and Interferences
	)	
Filed: March 10, 2004	)	
	)	Examiner Thu Thao Havan
Title: Methods for issuing, distributing, managing and	)	Art Unit 3624
redeeming investment instruments providing	)	
securitized annuity options	)	

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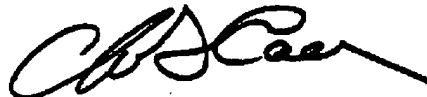
Dear Sir:

**STATUS LETTER**

A Notice of Appeal and Appellants' Brief was filed in this application on January 4, 2005 and, according to PAIR, was forwarded to the Examiner on January 21, 2005. Accordingly, pursuant to §1207, M.P.E.P., a written statement in response to Appellant's Brief should have been furnished to Appellants prior on or before March 21, 2005.

An indication of when the response to Appellants' Brief may be expected, or other appropriate indication of the status of this application, may be supplied to appellants' undersigned counsel by telephone to (508) -778-2630, by facsimile to (508) 629-6540, or by mail to the address indicated below.

Respectfully,



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